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Attorney Docket No. 7311-24RE

**SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**  
(Reissue Application)

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed in patent number 5,509,546, granted April 23, 1996, and for which a reissue patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**MAGNETICALLY-ACTUATED COUPLER FOR MODEL RAILROAD CARS**  
the specification of which

☒ [X] is not attached hereto.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by the Preliminary Amendment filed with the reissue application, and the Supplemental Amendment which accompanies this Declaration.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56.

I verily believe the original patent to be wholly or partially inoperative or invalid, by reason of the patentee claiming more or less than he had the right to claim in the patent. At least one excess or insufficiency in the claims is specified below.

Applicant discovered that claim 1 claims more than Applicant has a right to claim. A magnetically-actuated coupler assembly for a model railroad car having a pair of limit stops on the coupler head for limiting the movement of a coupler knuckle was known prior to

applicant's invention. Subsequently, Applicant discovered that amended claim 5 and new claim 9 contained errors in terminology and by Supplemental Amendment Applicant has corrected such errors.

The error described above arose without any deceptive intention on the part of the applicant.

As a named inventor, I hereby appoint the registered attorneys and agents associated with **AKIN, GUMP, STRAUSS, HAUER & FELD, L.L.P.**, Customer No. 000570, as my attorneys or agents with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith. Address all correspondence to Customer No. 000570, namely, **AKIN, GUMP, STRAUSS, HAUER & FELD, L.L.P.**, One Commerce Square, 2005 Market Street, Suite 2200, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103. Please direct all communications and telephone calls to John J. Jamieson at 215-965-1310.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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